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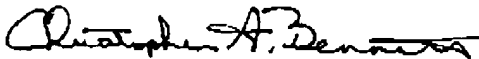
**•Comments:**

Examiner Ojini,

Please find attached hereto the following documents for the above-identified application:

Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Christopher A. Bennett**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b> Sadahiko KONDO et al.	<b>Art Unit:</b> 3723
<b>Serial No.:</b> 09/996,318	
<b>Filed:</b> November 23, 2001	<b>Examiner:</b> E. Ojini
<b>Title:</b> METHOD FOR CUTTING RARE EARTH ALLOY, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING RARE EARTH MAGNET, AND WIRE-SAW MACHINE	

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page        of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an  
attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is  
attached following page 13 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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